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Supervisors of State Denounce Road Shift

Sacramento Bee says: State Controller Ray L. Riley aligned himself against Governor Frank F. Marriam and his plan of centralized highway control at the convention of the County Supervisors Association of California yesterday afternoon, precipitating an earlier vote of opposition to the road plan by the supervisors than had been anticipated.

Scheduled to talk on Taxation at the conclave, held in the courthouse, Riley broke with the governor by denouncing the plan as one possible of creating a dictatorship. He was applauded loudly.

"While I have no doubt of the sincerity of conviction of the present administration and while I feel Governor Merriam always will treat the counties fairly, I cannot support the governor's plan to consolidate all roads," he asserted.

"I can well see how some future administration, hungry for power, can set up such a strong political machine that unless a county plays ball with it it never will be able to get even a harrow on one of its roads."

Controller Riley argued that no political machine can treat all the people fairly.

Clarke C. Cottrell of San Francisco, the manager of the highway bureau of the California State Automobile Association, followed Riley, reading a lengthy paper, in which he also warned of dictatorship and the blasted the Merriam plan as impossible of attaining economy and efficiency.

Supervisor Andrew Gallagher of San Francisco recommended an immediate vote against the proposal. The vote was unanimous.

The supervisors also voted to oppose any other plan which contemplates further centralization of the county functions in the state government and approved a suggestion of Supervisor W. A. Collins of Fresno that the delegates contact their legislative representatives while in Sacramento and urge them to kill the road plan.

Governor Merriam had appeared before the supervisors during the morning and after outlining his road plan invited criticism of it. He was grilled for more than half an hour.

"It is going to take a lot of talk over the air and in speeches to make the people think the state can build roads any cheaper than the boards of supervisors," Supervisor A. J. Elliott of Tulare County asserted.

Cottrell in denouncing the road plan following Riley's address, contended the scheme cannot help but create chaos, generate sectional hatreds and create more unemployment. He argued many road problems are of such a peculiarly local nature that they best can be solved by the counties.

By way of contrast, he pointed out the state now has 14,020 miles of highway it is obligated to maintain. For this work, it has $23,000,000. per year. The counties, on the other hand, have but $14,600,000 to care for 65,000 miles of roads.

He asserted, further, the state has $5,000,000 worth of road equipment and not $3,000,000 as maintained, while the counties have less than $4,500,000 worth of equipment and not $8,000,000 as claimed by spokesmen for the state administration.

FAREWELL RITE SATURDAY FOR BELOVED WOMAN

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Richards will be held tomorrow at Trinity Church at 2:30 p. m.

The death of Mrs. Richards who was greatly beloved by all who knew her has cast a pall over this city. It is hard to realize that one so happy so kind, so loved has departed. W. G. Richards, her husband to whom she had been so devoted for over fifty years and who in the past few years of invalidism had such loving care and devotion from her, passed away a little over three months ago. Recently Mrs. Richards visited her daughter Mrs. C. A. Libbey in Eureka hoping to somewhat stay her grief. While there she was taken ill and though still gravely ill was able to return to Nevada City in an ambulance to be cared for at the home of her daughter Mrs. E. M. Rector.

Mrs. Richards was born at Sutter Creek, Amador County of English parentage. Her father James B. Gluyas, was superintendent of the South Eureka Mine, and later associate and close friend of William Watt, early day dean of mining activities in the Grass Valley region.

At an early age, Mary Gluyas came with her parents to Grass Valley, where her father assumed charge of the French Lead mine, now a part of the North Star system. She attended school in Grass Valley, and finished her education at Fields Seminary, Oakland. About this time, the family moved to Gold Hill, Nevada, where her father managed one of the old Comstock properties for several years.

In 1879 she married William G. Richards, a young merchant of Nevada City.

The couple had resided in Nevada City since that time, Mr. Richards having been one of the town's leading merchants until his retirement about thirteen years ag.o

Through her many years Mrs. Richards had been blessed with happiness and had that great ability of sharing it with others. Always she a joyous and unusual faculty of giving cheer to those whom she contacted in her home, her social life and her civic and church activities. She had many affiliations and each of them have sweet memories of her companionship and help.

Mrs. Richards was a charter member of Laurel Parlor, N. D. G. W. as well as a Past President of that order. She was also a Past Matron of the Order of Eastern Star, and a fifty year member. Likewise she was an active and honored member of the Women of Woodcraft. She was a lifelong and vigorous worker in the Episcopal Church, and was for many years president of the local Trinity Guild. Through many years the guild members looked to her help and advice and always depended upon her cheerfulness and co-operation in all their work and problems. It was often due to her welcome that new members felt happy and content.

Mrs. Richards' life has been endowed with much happiness, she was blessed with a large family and a happy and prosperous home in which to rear them happily and well. She made a host of friends and throughout her life was able to share her joys with them.

Surviving her are: Her brother, Henry Gluyas, of Mochiahui, Mexico; a sister, Mrs. Lavinia Schuster; two daughters, Mrs. E. M. Rector, of Nevada City, and Mrs. C. A. Libbey, of Eureka; two sons, G. J. Richards, of Auburn and G. W. Richards of Sacramento; and the following grandchildren; E. W. Rector, of McGill University, Montreal; Margaret and Ruth Rector of the University of California; Rosemary and Carroll Ruth Richards of Auburn, Betty Richards of Sacramento; Mary and Ruth Yibbey of Eureka. Two sisters Mrs. Carrie Gautier, and Mrs. Pfiefer, also one brother, Frank J. Gluyas of Mexico, have preceded her in death.

The funeral services tomorrow will be held under the direction of the Holmes-Hooper Funeral Home.

DRUNKEN DRIVER CRASHES BRIDGE

As a result of drunken and careless driving the railing of the Gault bridge sustained about $25 damage yesterday morning, when at 2 o'clock a Buick coupe crashed into it. Chief of Police Garfield Robson ascertained that the owner of the car, a woman, Leatta Harroll, residing near Auburn. A warrant for the driver's arrest on a charge of drunken driving was issued and Sheriff Carl J. Tobiassen's office was given it to serve. The car is impounded.

Governor Advocates Unified Road System

While Governor Frank Merriam is energetically boosting his road unification measure under which construction and maintenance of all county roads would be transferred to the State Department of Public Works, county supervisors, with few exceptions are voicing a vigorous opposition.

In a recent talk over the radio the governor said:

From the standpoint of public security, comfort, and convenience, and likewise on the basis of public expenditures and taxation, the subject I propose to discuss briefly is one of the most important matters affecting all of the people of California.

Any public undertaking that calls for an expenditure by the tax payers of an amount in excess of $180,000 a day for nineteen years surely must have a very important bearing on the basic interests and welfare of the people.

In any event, such was the daily cost, from 1914 to 1933, to state, county, and municipal taxpayers for the construction and maintenance of highways, roads and streets in California representing the huge total for the nineteen- year period of $1,265,000. The highways, roads and streets called for an expenditure by the state of $384,000,000; by the counties of $467,000,000, and by the cities of $414,000,000.

DUPLICATION OF EFFORT

Some of these costs have been unnecessary, or have been excessive, through a duplication of effort and through the use of costly methods and equipment by road departments.

To remedy this condition, and at the same time to provide for a more effective and satisfactory development coordination or highways, the roads, and streets, I have submitted a plan to the State Legislature calling for a unification of the state and county highway systems and for doubling the amount of state funds allotted to cities for street purposes.

Adoption of this plan, on the basis of available estimates, will effect a saving to California taxpayers of approximatlely $16,000,000 during the next two years.

All are agreed that coordination and consolidation of governmental functions is desirable both in the interests of efficiency and economy. Proposals are being earnestly advocated for the consolidation of the state's 58 counties into larger political subdivisions; some advocating that not more than five counties be organized, while others believe the number should be fifteen or sixteen.

COUNTY CONSOLIDATION

The exact manner of reducing the number of counties is important only as it has a bearing on the results to be obtained, but it has been estimated that a merging of the counties, with the subsequent elimination of manifold duplications of effort, services and expenses, would save the taxpayers $30,000,000 in two years.

And while I am not seeking at this time to bring the problem of county consolidation before the Legislature—even though I appreciate the advantages of such an arrangement—it is worthy of note that the highway unification program now before the Legislature would save an amount equal to one-half the total savings to be accomplished by reducing the number of counties.

There is, of course, considerable opposition to the plan I have proposed; and I entertain no criticism of those who disagree with me. It is any one's privilege to oppose, as it is mine to favor, this program.

In this proposal appears the old obstacle that confronts every attempt to change existing procedure or to econmize. Which is to say, generally speaking, that we are opposed to taxes which we are required to pay, and are reluctant to favor economy in the administration of projects in which we have a direct interest.

BUDGET PROPOSALS

The unification of highways as proposed in the budget I submitted to the State Senate and Assembly contemplates certain definite, specific advantages—as I have said—both from the standpoint of economy and efficiency.

Contrary to popular belief, the state's three-cent gasoline tax does not pay all the costs of constructing, improving and maintaining highways. This tax is divided between the state, the counties and the cities, one cent being allocated to the counties, a quarter of a cent to the cities, and the balance to the state.

From its share of the gasoline tax money, the state pays the entire cost of the California highway system over which flows the bulk of all traffic, outside the cities. For the construction and maintenance of the lessed-used county highways, county supervisors augment gasoline tax funds by levying taxes, special assessments and by issuing bonds—all payable by common property tax payers.

ROAD TAX ELIMINATED

Such road charges against home, farms and all read estate, as well as personal property, will be eliminated by adoption of the highway unification program.

Careful study of the whole problem has convinced me that the present gasoline tax is adequate to pay highway costs in California, provided the highways are consolidated under one central administration.

Hence, I have caused to be submitted to the legislature certain proposed measures declaring all the county roads to be state highways and calling for expenditure by the state of the highway funds now allocated to the several counties.

This plan calls for the same allotment of funds and for no reduction in the employment of workers now engaged in work on county roads.

Likewise, it is proposed to double the quarter-cent allocation of gasoline funds to the cities.

CITIES WOULD BENEFIT

Such an increase in street funds available to the cities on the basis of their automobile registration will immediately provide for needed improvements and at the same time will benefit the city taxpayer by reducing the amount he is required to pay for the extension and upkeep of city streets.

Furthermore, provision is contained in the unification program for payment by the state, out of gasoline tax funds, of existing county highway bond interest and redemption, of special assessments and other obligations now representing such a heavy burden upon owners of real estate.

Counties of the state have heretofore issued highway bonds which will require principal and interest payments this year of $6,731,675. Under the plan submitted to the legislature, county bonds for highway purposes not only will be unnecessary, but will be prohibited, and as soon as the counties retire their present indebtedness will be eliminated.

HEAVY SNOW IN HIGH ALTITUDE

Snow flurries and sunshine continued throughout Thursday in Nevada City. About two inches of soft snow fell Wednesday night, much of it melting as fast as it fell. In the higher altitudes snow lay on the ground, with 12 inches at the Gracey mine southeast of town and there was about the same depth at the Five Mile house up on the Tahoe-Ukiah highway.

M. P. Fischer, stage driver, stated there was over a foot of new snow in Downieville from the present storm at noon yesterday.

The storm reached blizzard proportions in Alleghany Wednesday and Thursday. A strong wind blew snow in a blinding storm. Stage driver Jones, who arrived late Wednesday evening reported snow falling at Alleghany at the rate of a foot an hour and latest reports are that there are three feet of new snow there. Telephone lines were down Thursday between Columbia Hill and Nevada City and Alleghany and Nevada City with linemen out repairing them. Over two feet of new snow lies on the ground at the Red Ledge mine. Alton Davies, who took the freight to Alleghany Thursday reported it the worst storm of the winter. The wind was blowing wildly carrying large snow flakes in a blinding storm at the Red Ledge mine. He also said the roads were blocked in many places. His brother, Lionel Davies, also associated with his father, Frank Davies in the freight line to Forest, suffered a severe cut on his hand while making the trip through the blizzard from Alleghany to Forest Thursday morning. While phoning his mother he stated there wa six feet of new snow in Forest.

Mr. Fred Garrison, in charge of this division of the Tahoe-Ukiah highway, reported four feet of snow at the Junction House. The Washington road is closed from there on. Three snow plows, with three shifts of 18 men, are working night and day to clear the road which is expected to be open today. He also reported the Donner Summit open to travel.

Another stom is on its way from the Pacific Ocean to strike California in the coming 24 hours.

Mrs. M. G. Calvin of Camptonville celebrated a birthday Wednesday, her many friends wishing her many happy returns of the day.

WATER METER PLAN DISCUSSED BY CITY COUNCIL

The City Council met last night in its regular monthly session with Mayor Al Seaman presiding and all members present. Routine business was run through and bills ordered paid.

The council took under consideration the advisability of installing water meters in Nevada City, and decided to install a small number for experimental purposes only.

The following account of revenues and expenditures was approved:

Statement for February, 1935—Revenue: Water department $1805.00; Business licenses $269.50; Del. taxes $33.00; Per. prop. taxes $21.29; Irrigation $57.50; Miscellaneous $10.50; Closing swim pool fund $3.54. Total $2254.60.

Expenditures — Salaries: B. F. Wright $85.00; H. S. Hallett $62.50; Geo. H. Calanan $20.00; Mrs. E. M. Foley $12.50; Miles Coughlin $12.50; Dr. E. M. Rosener $25.00; W. P. Jones $65.00; Garfield Robson $125.00; W. E. Wright, city attorney $200. (1 year). H. S. Hallett, fire truck driver $62.50. Total $670.00.

Labor: E. J. Moomey $60.00, Chas. Sharp $96.00; Nick Sandow $96.00; Fred Eilerman $36.00; Clarence Martz $20.00; Chas. Thomas $8.00; Wm. Torpie $1.00. Total $317.00.

The following bills were passed for payment: P. G. & E. Co. $250.97; Reita D. Curnow $24.63; W. E. Wright $19.88; Ed Christensen $5.65; U. S. Post Office $54.92; Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co. $5.55; Kelley Kar Co. $1.02; Cal. State Auto. Assoc. $131.31; A. Seaman (advance) $4.00; G. H. Clelland $$6.40; Howard Penrose $6.50; J. W. Shebley $15.40; Union Oil Co, of Calif. $9.63; R. E. Harris $14.55; S. S. Trevethick $88.00; Nevada City Garage $47.81; Frederick N. Evans $81.52; Alpha Stores Ltd. $98.85; Geo. W. Gildersleeve $5.50; C. I. T. Corp. $188.84; W. B. Celio (tax refund) $114.00.

Fire fund: Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co. $2.50; P. G. & E. Co. $3.93; R E. Harris $1.23.

HYDRAULICKING

Two thousand yards of gravel are being handled daily at the Clerkin gravel property at Birchville. W. E. Moulton of French Corral is operating the property.

League to Work For Ridge Water Supply

It takes more than rain and snow to dampen the ardor of the San Juan Ridge Improvement League members. Wednesday night thirty of them attended the meeting held in the Odd Fellows Hall at San Juan and a lively session ensued. The meeting was called to order by the president, Frank Miller. All the officers were present, and also the officers of the San Juan Ridge Mutual Water Association, with their chairman, W. E. Moulton.

There was discussion and consideration between the San Juan Ridge Improvement League and the San Juan Ridge Mutual Water Association concerning the suit filed by the Association against twenty John Does to quiet title to the Milton Ditch system. The two groups plan to work harmoniously together to secure the water rights for all the ridge people so that they will have water both for mining and farming purposes.

The executive committee of the league will meet tonight to discuss plans and ways and means for a community hall.

Plans for a dance at French Corral on March 23 were discussed and a committee to make arrangements was appointed. The proceeds of the last dance were very encouraging.

Members of the league, who volunteered to do so reported that they had completed the job of painting the school blackboards.

The next meeting of the league will be held March 20.

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES PARK COMU'TY HOUSE

Mayor Seaman has returned from Sacramento and while there Mr. Frederick Evans, who made the plans which were accepted by the city council for the municipal park, showed him various types of community houses. Mayor Seaman have made plans for a community house for the park and presented the plans to the city council at its meeting last night. The council approved the plans and authorized Mayor Seaman to begin work on the cement foundation for a 30 by 60 foot cement foundation for the community house It will be available for social charge needs of the city. The use of the building will be open to the Boy Scouts and other organizations of civic interest.

The materials required for the building will amount to about $1200. The building will have lavratories, rest rooms and various other facilities necessary for a recreational park. The house will be placed above the swim pool. Work will begin at once on the cement foundation, the available labor and funds to be used.

J. M. Pianezzi, who recently returned from Chile, South America, is here from San Francisco and spending a couple of days in Nevada City on business.

The Giles Butcher shop of North San Juan has recently been sold to Mrs. M. Woodell, who has taken full

MINE ACCIDENTS INJURE TWO MEN

Martin Jones of Nevada City, employed as a miner in the Murchie Mine was injured in a rock slide there yesterday morning. He incurred a broken left leg, and chrushed chest when a quantity of falling rock fell on him while he was working.

On the same day Floyd Fapp, also of Nevada City, was injured in an accident at the Spring Hill Mine, just outside of Grass Valley. The extent of the injuries has not as yet been determined. Both men are under the care of Dr. Carl P. Jones.

CANADIAN VISITOR IS RETURNING TO HIS HOME

Fred Ladarau left recently for his home in Victoria, Canada, going to Sacramento by car and taking passage on an airplane in his first airplane ride, after a visit with his son and wife at Town Talk. Mr. Laderau was 95 years of age on January 27, but looks many years younger. He created quite a bit of interest when he arrived in Nevada City, his stately walk, with his cane, neatly trimmed beard, and wearing large gold earrings the latter an old country custom.

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THE SNOOPER'S DELIGHT

Section 55 (b) of the Revenue Act of 1934 requires that all persons making income tax returns must summarize those returns for posting in United States Postoffices or other public places, so that all may examine the financial condition thereby revealed.

This section of the act might appropriately be named "The snooper's delight." Paul Pry, Dame Rumor and Goody Gossip may descend like a flock of buzzards upon these posted reports and occupy their abundant leisure in hashing over the items of their more forunate neighbors' private affairs. The professional man whose income tax statement is low will be compared with his professional competitor who pays a larger tax. The man reputedly rich whose income statement is low will be dubbed a liar, and scriptomaniacs will begin a series of anonymous letters to the revenue collector, calling attention to presumed tax evasions. Business firms fighting their way upward against stiff competition will be revealed in their percuniary nakedness to their rivals.

Worst of all, those able to report substantial incomes will instantly become a target for the racketeeers and kidnapers of the underworld.

Private income earned either in professional or business life is the private affair of the men and women who earn it. This section 55 (b) of the 1934 Revenue Act puts a gang of snoopers, or worse, on their trail. The curious, the envious and the criminal are served, but no self-respecting citizen will benefit.

There is now a movement afoot to secure the repeal of this vicious section. An organization, "Sentinels of the Republic," has been formed. It is appealing to newspapers throughout the country to expose the faults of this measure and assist in its repeal.

If convinced that this measure should be repealed, the best way to assist this movement is to write or wire your protest to your congressman or senator. And, don't procrastinate.

BETWEEN THE LINES

By Alexander McNulty

In view of the undeniable fact that public opinion is for the moment at least, leaning toward a mild conservatism; it is somewhat difficult to hazard a guess on what form public utility bills now before Congress will finally be enacted. The proposed legislation in its present form is bitterly opposed by the utilities themselves, by organized business in general and by various organizations of public utility securities holders—people who are threatened with the destruction of the value of such securities in the event of unfavorable legislation.

In general, feeling against the utilities is hostile. Remembering only the excesses and abuses, real and fancied, committed by these companies, it is easy to forget the very important part played by this highly complex industry in the development of our whole industrial system. It would be idle to contend that abuses have not been committed; abuses in corporate finance, abuses in rate structures and what has hurt the utility companies more than any other thing, a bellicose attitude toward constituted authority in its efforts to curb or regulate such abuses. Long ago, it was said by men qualified to speak on the subject that "the greatest enemies of the holding companies are not the critics who point out its present abuses but rather those business men who stubbornly resist all efforts to bring it under governmental control."

Properly guided and limited, the holding company, in its ability to furnish the various necessary services to its subsidiary companies, is an extremely useful institution. The fact should not be overlooked that such excesses and abuses as were committed by utility holding companies were likewise committed in every line of business. It was the order of the day.

Consider now the plight of the privately owned utilities.

Because of their previous high-handed and uncompromising attitude they have as an implacable enemy the powerful Federal Trade Commission. Years of depression that have depleted cash reserves, an inevitable obsolenscence of plan and system, increased taxation and a tremendous burden of fixed charges in the form of outstanding debt make reduction of rates without a tremendously expanded increase in output impossible. Even if a ready market for such an increase in output existed, and it does not, the utility companies could not supply it for the simple reason that under existing conditions the investing public would not supply the capital to modernize and rebuild the system on a scale that would be required.

In this dilemma, the privately owned utilities are faced with the bogey of the most modern of publicly built and owned systems, conceived and put into operation for the express purpose of demonstrating how much existing rates can be lowered.

There should be some way out of this difficult situation rather than by confiscation or wholesale destruction of existing values. The people who invested their capital in good faith should have a measure of protection. The men who built the utility system to its present high standard are capable, given the opportunity and faciities, of meeting any conditions that may prevail. The middle course is best. Eliminate the bad and retain the good features in private enterprise and the inevitable sequence of events in our rapidly moving world will bring an adjustment fair to all.

SERA REMAINS ON FULL TIME NEVADA COUNTY

There will be no reductions of hours per week for the Nevada County SERA workers as was at first thought when the twenty per cent reduction in the budget ordered by state headquarters was first announced. The SERA workers in this county will be re-investigated and re-certified and only those able to do a days work will be retained. The disabled or partly disabled will be dropped from the roll and relief for them will come from some other source rather than the SERA allotment. In the past these disabled men were given such positions as flagmen, etc., but it developed that there were more flagmen than posts for them to fill.

The administration department of the county SERA will continue on the reduction declared by state headquarters, there being no budget adjustments for the members of this section.

The payroll for the county for the week ending February 14 was $8100 which represents about the highest salary and wage disbursement during the time of the SERA in this county.

SAY! HOW MUCH FARTHER IS IT, MISTER?
PUFF
NOW, NOW! MY GOOD LAD---- REMEMBER I'M PAYING YOU WELL
WHEW!
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
WELL HERE WE ARE-- JUST SET THEM DOWN AND I WILL PAY YOU
HERE IS A SHINY NEW NICKEL---- NOW WHAT COULD BE NICER?
WELL---ER--A-- A SHINY NEW DIME

BOOK CHATS

(By Abigail J. Stackpole)

It requires infinite courage to lay before the indiffirent, sympathetic or sneering public the story of one's life. But this is done daringly and honestly in Doctor Helen MacKnight Doyle's autobiography, A Child Goes Forth.

That Nellie, as the doctor was christened, was sired by a certain Smith MacKnight, was no reason for hiding from the world the fact of his neglect for his family, his selfishness tyranny, and his visits to the saloon and poker table.

The breaking up of Nellie's first home in Pennsylvania, her father's departure, with his surveying instruments, for Bodie, California, her temporarily happy life with Grandmother MacKnight, her mother's tragic death, her years as Cinderella in her uncle's household; and how the child found herself the glass slipper of release and happiness via a four-mile trek to Aunt Mary's farm—all these events are told vividly and beautifully, leaving the reader with moist eyes and an ache in the throat.

But along with the heart throbs there are many laughs.

What could be more humorous or pathetic than the incident of little Nellie's appearance at the school entertainment, dressed in her mother's wedding gown? She had slipped it on surreptitiously, before leaving home, feeling that it would be more appropriate than either of the cheap, dark cotton frocks which the selfish Aunt Sadé had bought for her. Having whacked off a goodly portion of the skirt to shorten it, she again attached it to the waist. But alas! her stitches were anything but secure. Came her time to recite. Up went her hand in a practiced gesture. And rip went the dress, leaving a generous display of underwear.

It was after this humiliating event that Nellie journeyed with Aunt Mary and her family from New York State to Dakota. Here, the child found a new life on the broad, windy prairie.

"My heart was filled to bursting with happiness," writes the doctor. "My self-respect and capacity for affection had been stunted like some plant that had been shut away from the sunlight and as the warming rays of kindness shone in the place what had been sad and dark so long, I felt transformed."

Those brave pioneers of the prairie tending their horses and cattle, and breaking virgin soil, planting and harvesting their crops, and the vegetation of a new spring, the drought, the prairie fire, and then a cyclone—what impressions these events made upon the child!

At thirteen Nellie joined her father in Inyo County. And because of his selfishness and tyranny, the girl was anything but happy.

Harshly as MacKnight treated his daughter, he deserves credit for recognizing the splendid material he had to deal with. The great Mojave country would never have had its "Angel of Mercy" had not old MacKnight commanded that Nellie become either "a lawyer or a doctor."

Before she was old enough to practice medicine, the young lady had become a full-fledged "physician and surgeon" as her shingle testified a year later.

After an interneship at a San Francisco hospital, Doctor Helen MacKnight, as she was now known, began her desert practice which lasted for many years.

Through a visit to the sick bed of a sheepherder's wife, Doctor MacKnight met and married young Doctor Doyle of the Rush School of Medicine, in Chicago. With him she continued her practice, even after she had borne two children.

The style of this book is easy, delightful, and often lyrical. Splendid are the descriptions of life on a New England farm, work in a corset factory, the prairie—both in the cold of winter and in the heat of summer, the desert, mining activities, and San Francisco before the earthquake and fire.

We shall look for more human-interest stories from the pen of this talented writer.

A Child Goes Forth. Gotham House, N. Y. Price $3.

FORESTRY SERVICE GETS CARLOAD OF POWDER

The Forest Service Monday received a carload of powder for use in its various road building projects. Much of this powder will be used in constructing the road which follows Ponderosa Way. About one carload, or ten tons, of powder is used monthly.

Supervisor R. L. P. Bigelow of the Tahoe National Forest Area is in Sacramento and will be away from his office in this city for most of March. He is available in Sacramento for consultation in regard to coordination measures planned by the State and Federal authorities for the prevention of forest fires.

IMPROVED BUSINESS CONDITION OBSERVED

Mr. F. H. Horswill, of San Francisco, Safety Engineer of the State Compensation Insurance Fund was in Nevada City Wednesday in the interests of the state compensation department. Mr. Horswill stated that in this travels throughout the state he sees a great increase of business. Through his observations he believes there was between 25 and 30 per cent increase in all classes of business in 1934 over 1933.

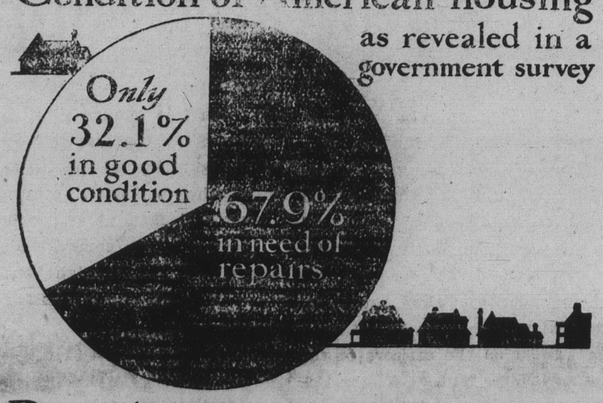
FORESTERS ORDER IS INVOLVED IN SUIT

The Grand Court of California, Foresters of America, has brought suit against Court Cristoforo Columbo of Nevada City and Court Pride of Grass Valley. The action, begun in San Francisco, has been transferred to the Superior Court of this county for trial.

The suit follows the movement of two years ago when the local courts withdrew and refused to recognize the jurisdiction of the state grand court. Involved, according to the complaint, is about $3,000, which the grand court alleges is in the hands of the local courts and which the grand court claims.

Officers of both Grass Valley and Nevada City Foresters Courts are named as defendants.

Condition of American housing as revealed in a government survey



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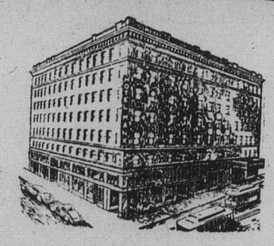

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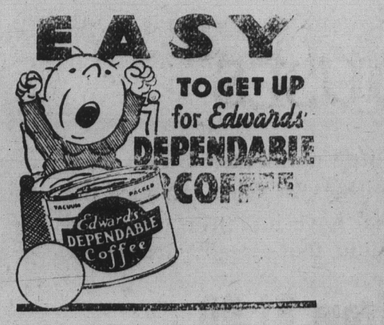

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SUIT FILED TO QUIET TITLE IN DITCH DISTRICT

The San Juan Ridge Mutual Water Association today filed suit in the Nevada County Superior Court, against twenty John Does, to quiet title to several sections of land in the Milton and Lake Ditch district.

GREENHORN CREEK PROPERTY

A good ledge of ore is reported to have been contacted by S. M. Jackson and Frank F. Droltz at their Two Jack quartz property on Greenhorn Creek. The men have sunk a forty-foot shaft and have run a tunnel about fifty-five feet. The property is eight miles east of here.

RELIEF HILL DAM

Fred Zanocco of Nevada City was awarded a contract to erect a dam for the Relief Hill gravel mine near North Bloomfield, and left several days ago with his team and equipment. It will take three months to construct the dam.

The Relief Hill gravel company will be ready for a fine season of piping as soon as the dam is completed.

LIQUOR INDUSTRY ORGANIZES TO CURB LEGGERS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—The maintenance of a new standard of ethics in the entire liquor industry was foreshadowed by the formation of a new organization called the California Liquor Industries Association. Membership already includes more than 850 California companies operating under the national liquor codes . . . including as well almost every Eastern firm that is distributing in California . . . representing every branch of the industry . . . distilling, rectifying, importing, wholesaling, retailing and allied lines.

The organization will take an active part in helping to create for the liquor industry the same degree of prestige that is enjoyed by other industries. It will do its utmost from within to aid in the enforcement of all state and federal laws so as to curb the bootlegger who is still a major foe of the industry as well as of the United States government. The Association will create plans for sound trade practices and infends to constitute itself as a reliable source of exact information for every branch of the industry.

Officers elected by the California Liquor Industries Association are well-known figures in the liquor business of the state. President is Leon M. Voorsanger, President of The E. G. Lyons & Raas Company of California. Vice President, J. S. Foto, Bohemian Distributing Company of Los Angeles. Northern California Secretary, Louis J. Gilbert, partner in Scott and Gilbert. Southern California Secretary, Bernard P. Calhoun, attorney.

The organization will maintain division offices in Los Angeles and San Francisco, with branch groups in each of the 58 counties of California.

POEMS OF LOCAL POETESS READ OVER RADIO

One of A. Merriam Conner's admirers has noted that her poems are appreciated by all sorts and conditions of persons because of her "Jen and Me" recently published in the Nugget she was elected to a life membership in the Liar's Club of Burlington, Wis.

One of her very latest publications in the Nugget, "Dead as a Dodo" was last week read over KROW during the Saturday Short Story Hour.

"Dream Flowers" published in the Nugget several months ago was incorporated in the Cornwall Anthology gotten out by the Cornwall Publishing Company of Cincinnati.

The poem "Home" which had been published in the Nugget was read by the Master Builder over a national hook-up from Washington, D. C.

SUIT DISMISSED BY MUTUAL CONSENT

By agreement of the parties concerned the action brought by Alpha M. Lattin against J. A. Casserly in which Miss Lattin sought $10,000 for alleged breach of promise of marriage and an action in which Casserly sought recovery of personal property alleged to include $200 in gold coin, a gold brick valued at $675 and other property alleged to be worth in the aggregate of $1359 have been dismissed and formal orders of dismissal have been made on the court records.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY IMPROVEMENTS FOR COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Tuesday the County Board of Supervisors held session and took care of regular routine business. The clerk of the board was directed to have bids to supply the county with wood presented at the April meeting. George C. Selland, retained by the county to make a tentative survey for the proposed additional story for the county court house, installation of an elevator and other needed improvements, made a preliminary report. He said it will not be necessary to make the building any higher to add the additional story but that it can be done by lowering the old fashioned high ceilings. The ceilings of the offices of the clerk and recorder on the ground floor would be lowered and the ceilings on the second floor raised to make room for the additional floor. The elevator would be placed in the front part of the building. The project is expected to be finished with the aid of PWA and SERA funds.

The Nevada City Nugget is Now $2.50 per year

SUPERVISORS AT SACTO. CONCLAVE

The Nevada county supervisors left here Wednesday to attend the annual Supervisors Convention held this year in Sacramento at the Senator Hotel on March 6, 7, 8. Supervisors Carey Arbogast, Frank Rowe, E. B. Dudley, Joe Frank and Alex Robertson, made the trip to Sacramento, where they will discuss the various problems arising in the course of their work. They are expected to return from the session Friday or Saturday.

County Clerk, R. N. Mc Cormack, and deputy clerk, Ralph Deeble are also in Sacramento attending a convention, held at the Sacramento county courthouse on the same dates as the supervisor's convention. The county clerks meet regularly every two years in Sacramento to enable them to confer with the legislature, which is in session at the time.

MINE OWNER PASSES

Gus Weissbaum who last fall took over the Snowden mining property passed away at his home in San Francisco on February 14, after a severe illness. Mr. Weissbaum was preparing to operate the property in the near future.

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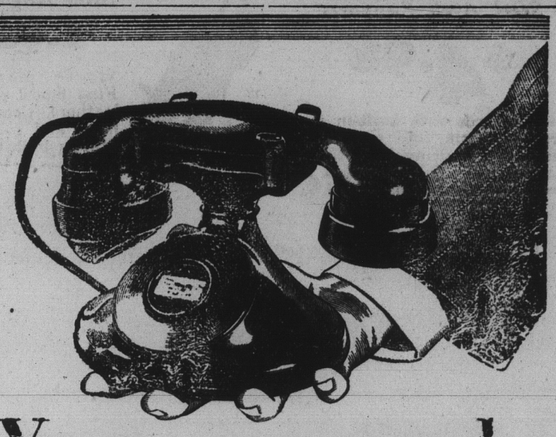

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High School News

GIRL'S LEAGUE LUNCHEON

The Girl's League of the high school in cooperation with the cooking class, served a luncheon in the high school study hall yesterday noon. A tasty meal of a hot dog or hamburger, with bun, mustard, and pickle, plus potato salad were served to the hungry students. About seventy five young scholars attended the luncheon. After lunch, a dance was held in the study hall, where the students waltzed to the expert piano palying of Coach Bev Barron. When the dance ended at 1:15 everyone felt that the luncheon had been a success. Among those active in the Girl's League in making the luncheon a success were Audrey Davis. Nathele Worthley, and Marjorie Williams.

SOPHOMORE PARTY

Tonight the Sophomore Class of the high school will give a Sophomore Party. There will be a program, refreshments, and dancing until eleven o'clock. All high school students, and their parents are invited. A nominal admission charge will be made.

The affair will be under the direction of Coach Barron, the sophomore class advisor. He has appointed the following sophomores on these committees, which will be in charge of the affair: Entertainment: Margaret Stevens, Joan Grant, Mamie Fradelizio, Ruth Curnow, Betsy Bennett.

Decorations: Hazel Thomas, Earnest Young, Vernie D., Joan Grant, Tod Bonner, Lacey Jones, Alan Widauf, Marlin Young, Ruth Curnow, Mamie F. Margaret Stevens.

Publicity: Nadine Brown, Joan Grant, Dorothy Thomas, Bill Bennett, Marlin Young, Earnest Young.

Refreshments: Jewel Frost, Robe Graham, Louise Lattin, Ramona Kitts, Dick Tuttle, Fred Garrison.

Refreshments: Phillip Joyal, Jewel Frost, Tod Bonner, Joan Grant.

Tickets: Evelyn Bailey, Louise Lattin, Catherine Stephens, Jewel Frost, Adele Joerschke, Chat Jeffery.

Clean-up Committee: Carl Tobiassen, Tom Rickard, Phillip Joyal, Earnest Young, Clemens Organ, Betsy Bennett, Ruth Curnow Mamie Fradelizio and Margaret Stevens.

Judging by the number of people on the committee and by the characteristic vigor with which Coach Barron has been conducting preparations for the party, it should be a great success.

SOPHOMORE SKI PARTY

The Nevada City High School's class of "37" will hold a peppy shi party Friday evening, March 9 at eight o'clock at the high school. An admission of 10 cents will be charged.

Class talent will furnish the guests with an exceptionally good program as follows:

Welcome speech by class president, Philip Joyal.

A piano solo will be rendered by Louise Lattan.

A tap dance by Ernest Young.

Vocal duet sung by Ruth Curnow and Betsy Bennett.

Coach Barrow class advisor will play a piano solo.

Vocal solo by Todd Bonner.

Class play entitled "A Weakness for Nurses."

The cast is as follows: Angelica, Margaret Stevens; Alberta, Bill Bennet; Marmaduke, Dick Tuttle; Miss O'Leary, Ruth Curnow; Miss Harding, Joan Grant.

Excellent music will be furnished by Dukes Colleigates, dancing will begin promptly at eight forty-five.

For those who do not care to dance, cards will be furnished, so there will be something interesting for all.

Since this is a ski party, the decorations will carry out this idea. Refreshments of hot dogs, coffee, and cake will be served.

Due to the lack of space only members of the student body and their immediate families will be admitted, but if you are eligible to come we urge you to do so, because we promise you warm hospitality even though it is a ski party.

NEVADA THEATRE SHOWS FINE WEEK END PROGRAM

After seeing "Big Calibre" the new Western thriller, starring Bob Steele, which plays tonight at the Nevada Theatre, a leading newspaper critic remarked that it was the most satisfactory outdoor feature, as regarded as " all-round" entertainment, that he had seen this season. By this he meant to convey his appreciation of the film's universal appeal. Once in a while, however, you run across a feature which exercises a three-fold fascination.

Bob Steele's latest Western certainly belongs in the last mentioned category. For those who react to the swing of rapid action, hard fighting and fast riding, with plenty of gunplay, there's enough of that sort of thing to satisfy the most impatient of thrill-seekers.

Saturday night the rib-tickling comedy "I Sell Anything" comes to the Nevada Theatre screen, with Pat O'Brien, as the Super-Salesman who thouht he could make a sucker out of anyone. Then along came a high-powered blonde played by Anne Dvorak, who made a perfect sap out of him.

Barbara Stanwyck comes to the Nevada Theatre Sunday in her latest production, "The Secret Bride", which is said to be the most powerful and dynamic picture in which she has yet appeared.

The picture is a thrilling drama of political plots and intrigues which involves two myterious murders, a suicide and the impeachment of the governor of the state.

In addition to the thrilling situations and the baffling mysteries there is a glamorous romance in which Miss Stanwyck has the role of the secret bride of the state's attorney general who is compelled to investigate her father on charges of accepting a bribe.

There is a talented cast playing in support of Miss Stanwyck, with Warren William in the leading role of her secret husband, Glenda Farrell as the wise cracking stenographer who is tried for the murder of her sweetheart and Douglas Dumbrille as the lover.

CAMPTONVILLE

CAMPTONVILLE WEATHER

CAMPTONVILLE, March 7.—Elmer S. R. Hall, local weather observer for the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports a total precipitation for the month of February of 7.86 inches, the greaest fall in 24 hours being on the 28, with a measurement of 2.52 inches. Only 2.75 inches of snow were measured in February. A maximum temperature of 74 degrees on the 18th, with a minimum of 24 degrees on the 25th.

CAMPTONVILLE, March 6.—Myron Pauly motored to Marysville Sunday afternoon.

Hawley H. Chatfield and family motored up from Auburn Tuesday on a short visit to friends here.

Erle Pauly and Hubert Long arrived Tuesday from Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Kendall motored up from Hammonton Monday to spend a couple of days at their old home here.

Fred J. Harges, of Auburn, was in town Tuesday on a short business visit.

A large slide came in on the Pike City road Monday making it impossible to travel the road. The road will be opened in a couple of days.

Miss Helen L. Jackson, of San Jose, a former school teacher in the local grammar school, recently announced her engagement to a young man of the Garden City.

Lieut. Hirsch of Grass Valley was in town Tuesday on official business.

Fred J. Joubert motored to Grass Valley Sunday on a short business visit.

Jos. Halkyard motored to Nevada City Saturday on a short visit; his son James accompanied him.

WM. JERRERY SERIOUSLY ILL

William Jeffrey, superintendent of the Pennsylvania mine, of Grass Valley, who has been seriously ill at his home in Nevada City, took a turn for the worse Wednesday and was hurried to the Nevada City sanitarium for treatment. His son, Will, Jr., who is attending University of California, Berkeley, was called home. Reports from Mr. Jeffrey Thursday evening were that he is showing some improvement.

T. C. Bigelow, mining man of Columbia Hill was a Nevada City visitor yesterday.

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Nevada Theatre

FRIDAY

BIG CALIBRE Bob Steele scores again in a rapid-action, gun fighting, hard riding tale of the West. Steele shows again that he is a real cowboy on the screen or in real life.

SATURDAY

I SELL ANYTHING Pat O'Brien plays the role of a super-salesman, who made a sucker out of everyone, till a fascinating blonde came along and made a fool of him.

SUNDAY

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Champion Circle Initiates Candidates

Champion Circle, Neighbors of Woodcraft, initiated three new candidates into their lodge last evening and enjoyed a delightful evening. Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. The circle is preparing to give a public card party on March 21.

WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB MEETS NEXT MONDAY

The Woman's Civic Club will hold its regular meeting Monday evening at eight o'clock at the Brand Studio. After the regular business meeting a short program will be enjoyed and it is hoped that all members will attend.

Nevada City Ladies Attend P. T. A. Council

Mrs. Teft, Mrs. Robert Grant, Mrs. Leland Smith, Mrs. Joyal, and Annie Godfrey attended the County Council meeting of the grammar and high school P. T. A. in Colfax on Wednesday which had been called by Mrs. W. E. Webber of that city.

Mrs. Theodore Rundy Hostess at Cards.

A most enjoyable time was spent at the home of Mrs. Theodore Rundy Monday when she entertained at three tables of cards. High score was won by Mrs. Nellie Clark, with Miss Nelson winning second and Mrs. Martin Vanberg being awarded consolation.

A profusion of wild flowers and fruit blossoms decorated the pretty rooms. Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon.

WILLOW VALLEY TUESDAY CLUB

Mrs. O. E. Bettcher who resides in the Willow Valley district, most happily entertained members of the Willow Valley Tuesday Club at her home last Tuesday afternoon. Several hours were spent in sewing and social converse, after which dainty refreshments were served. Mrs. Carl Tobiassen will entertain the club next Tuesday afternoon.

Those present were: Mesdames Frank Williams, Charles Genasci, E. J. Pollard, Smith, A. Durbin, Carl Tobiassen, Jack Townsend and Miss Melba Reynolds.

Miss Betsy Bennetts Given Birthday Surprise

Miss Betsy Bennetts was given a complete surprise on her birthday Tuesday, February 26th. Miss Marian German invited a group of girls to her home and one of them called to take Miss Bennetts by on an errand and found them all assembled.

Several hours were spent in a joyous time at games, after which refreshments were enjoyed. Those present were: Misses Roxanne Boggs, Amy Lou McCraney, Peggy Bettles, Flossie Angove, Ruth Curnow, Jane Bennetts, Madge Pianezzi, Helen Davidson, Margaret Stevens, Mamie Fradelizio, Betsy Bennetts, and the hostess.

O. E. S. Enjoy Social Evening

After the regular meeting Tuesday evening, Evangeline Chapter, O. E. S., several hours were spent in playing bridge, whist and mah jongg, in the lodge room, while dancing was enjoyed to the old and new music in the banquet room. Prizes for the games were awarded to Mesdames Anna Locklin, Arthur Hoge, Miss Alice Cooper and Lloyd Dudley.

The chapter plans to participate n the observance of Public Schools week, in April, which was introduced by the Masonic Order sixteen years ago and sponsored by them ever since.

Birthday Celebrations at Missionary Society Meeting

On Wednesday the Ladies Missionary Society of the Methodist church entertained members and guests who celebrated their birthdays over the last three month period. Those whose birthdays occurred were Mesdames Fannice Eden, Annie Godfrey, Helen Phariss, Leila Gibson, Marian Feagans, Hallett, Rev. H. H. Buckner, and Mrs. Partridge of Grass Valley.

Devotional services were led by Mrs. Ray Murchie and a most interesting program was rendered after the meeting. Two beautiful birthday cakes, one with emblems of the three months, and one frosted, were the main features of the prettily arranged table.

FREMONT OLDER

(By Katherine Braithwaite)

Fremont Older is dead.

The dynamic fighting editor of the Call-Bulletin died March 3rd near Stockton from a heart attack. He was 78 years old and for 51 of those years he had engaged in the newspaper business.

Mr. Older was born in the small Wisconsin town of Appleton, August 30, 1865 and he began his journalistic career in Ripon, Wisconsin in 1884. Later he came to California where he was to carve out the career which won for him the name of Fighting Editor of the West. And throughout the years, friend and foe alike have combined to pay tribute to Fremont Older.

During his life he has guided scores of young journalists, among whom was the editor of the Nevada City Nugget, through the hard, barren years, and with his great human understanding, he has been a shining example to reporter and editor alike. Mr. Older's book, "My Own Story," gave everyone an opportunity to read journalistic history from the time he arrived in San Francisco until 1929, and a chance to understand the fine philosophy which has guided the writings of this editor.

A reviewer said the book was "written in the flush of his conviction that a man should face the truth about himself and his life and live before his fellows in the light of that truth."

Fremont Older loved California. He loved its early history; he strove to better its present history; he loved its sunny skies, its big trees and its foam-capped ocean. It mattered not to Fremont Older if it was a rusty nail in a decaying mining town or the glorious magnificance of the Palace of Fine Arts. Just so long as it contributed to the wealth and historic lore of his adopted state, he was satisfied.

One of the best funeral orations of modern times was delivered recently by an American Indian standing by the grave of his chief. Here it is—beatiful, simple, true:

"You have merely lost the man. You still have the world in which he lived and which he so enjoyed. You still have its beauty and its loveliness, and you still have the blue skies to which he looked; you have the wind and the rain and the sun and the silvery moon. The stars still will glitter in the skies at night; the corn still will ripen; the deer will roam the forests of your fathers, and the fish will leap in the streams.

"The Great Spirit has only taken to Him the man. You lose only that. He will be happy there in the happy hunting grounds of our fathers. The Great Spirit leaves all the other things and leaves the memory of the son he has taken to His tepee."

Mrs. Treglown Hostess Yesterday

Mrs. William Treglown most graciously entertained at four tables of cards yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Elizabeth Nelson of Quincy, who is here visiting. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Katherine Celio, first; Mrs. Pauline Stephens, second; and Mrs. Esther Tremaine consolation. Serving of dainty refreshments completed the happy afternoon. Mesdames ePercy Truscott. Katherin Celio, Pauline Stevens, Esther Tremaine, Theodore Rundy, Leland Smith. Nellie Clark, Isobel Shrader, Elizabeth Lewis, Wanda Lageson, Martin Vanberg, C. E. Bosworth, Estelle Fouyer, Miss Edith Nelson of Quincy and Miss Minnie Sandaw. Mrs. Norman Foote of Grass Valley assisted the hostess in serving.

RE-ELECTION OF H. S. P. T. A. OFFICERS

By a unanimous vote at the High School P. T. A. meeting Monday night the present staff of officers were re-elected to serve for another year. During the evening a most pleasing program was enjoyed. The High School orchestra played several selections, Mrs. Goldsmith gave a short talk on co-operation between home and school. Mr. Ellis, recreational director of the CCC camp, talked about the organization and its work. Mrs. Heffelfinger, the county health nurse, discussed the medical examination of High School students. Mrs. Charles Elliott, accompanied by Miss Minnie Brand beautifully sang some solos.

Attorney Harry E. McKee, whose wife suffered a severe injury to her ankle while skiing last Sunday, states she is improving and expects to be about in a couple of weeks.

AAA AND NRA TO DROP PRICE FIXING ATTEMPT

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—(Special Correspondence) — The Roosevelt Administration's recovery program is based upon the work of two major bureaus. One, the NRA, was designed to aid industry and industrial workers. The other, the AAA, was created to help solve the farmer problems and put agriculture on a paying basis.

Both bureaus adopted plans for raising and fixing prices. The NRA did this by means of executive fiat. The AAA, however, which was dealing with products largely dependent on the whims of nature, went much farther. There was more meat being produced than people could buy—so it killed off pigs. There was more cotton than people were using—so it placed heavy restrictions on cotton acreage, and paid bonuses to farmers for not raisin a crop. It followed a similiar procedure with other basic farm products.

At the beginning, AAA executives said their purpose was to bring the farm price index back to the pre-war level—this, they held, would enable the farmer to make a profit, and would not impose an excessive burden on the buying power of the public. Prices came back touched the pre-war figure—and then continued to soar. The other day the price level was 25 per cent over its 1913 equivalent—andAAA found itself with a first-class consumer's war on its hands. Rumblings of discontent are heard from millions of homes, where incomes have not risen anywhere near the extent of the rise in the cost of living.

Terrific rises are taking place in meat prices. Butter is higher than it has been for many years. Even the spring vegetables, usually dirt cheap, will, according to forecasts, be relatively expensive. Of the major edibles, only fish, which is not subject to AAA control, is not advancing materially in cost.

The result of all this is that AAA is now definitely on the retreat. Crop curtailment will probably be dropped, so that production may increase and automatically stop the present price trend. Protest is coming in against this change, from agricultural centers, which can see only the boon of high prices, but the chances are that consumer pressure will win out. It is probable that all restrictions will be taken off the farmer until prices return to the pre-war level, when the AAA may resume its crop control policy.

Thus, one of the two basic recovery bureaus has been forced to draw in its horns. As for the other, the NRA, there is plenty of trouble in the offing. Even its sponsor, Mr. Roosevelt, is believed to be cooling off so far as it is concerned — he wants Congress to continue it, but on a somewhat different set-up than in the past. Wage and hour provisions will be maintained and labor will be guaranteed the right to bargain collectively if it chooses—but many NRA powers over business management will be dropped. A strong drive against NRA price-fixing is developing in the Senate, led by that old-time foe of monopoly, Senator Borah. It is a safe prognostication that the NRA will have little or nothing to say about prices in the future—and there is an excellent chance that the anti-trust laws, which the NRA made inoperative, will be brought back into play.

As a result, the Administration's price fixing program in both the industrial and agricultural fields, can be fairly said to have collapsed. Best opinion holds that the Administration is shifting in its position, that t wll give industry and agriculture more of a chance to work out their own problems, will depend less on legislative pallitives. It hasn't been heralded in headlines, but a number of left-wingers—who are strong for collectivism and regimentation—have recently been seased out of important positions in both the AAA and NRA. The more conservative citizens are pleased—they see a chance to get the kind of governmental policy they asked for and didn't get two years ago.

MINE NOTES

Five stamps are being added to the 20-stamp mill at the Alabama mine near Auburn, to handle additional ore. The property looks good and work is progressing nicely.

Ex-Governor Campbell of Arizona who has an option on mining ground in the Ophir district west of Auburn is having a headframe erected and installing machinery.

The Black Oak mine company south of Auburn is putting up a headframe and mill. The property is a high-grade proposition.

FRENCH CORRAL GRAVEL MINE

A mammoth blast of many pounds of powder was set off at the Harrison French gravel mine near French Corral the latter part of February, breaking down many tons of gravel from the huge banks. A dragline and two tractors are moving the gravel to the sluice boxes.

The company has spent several months in getting the property reary for active work this spring or during the wet season. Mr. A. D. Wise of Oakland is superintendent.

TO APPROPRIATE WATER

H. R. Plate, who is operating the Spring Hill and Golden Gate properties near Grass Valley, has made three applications to appropriate water for power purposes, water to be diverted from the North Fork of the Yuba River. Mr. Plate with others have an interest in a large mining property near Sierra City, and this water right will serve to generate power for the operation of this property.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our most sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. George Legg, his two sons and five young men guests, to Myers Mobley and his volunteer assistants of the Nevada City Fire Department, to the Grass Valley Fire Department and to the kind neighbors and friends who so quickly, efficiently and kindly came to help us at the time of the burning of our home on Nevada Street, on Monday, Feb. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Truscott.

HIGHWAY CREW CLEANS ROAD

The Nevada City High School bus bringing the students from San Juan and driven by Mr. Frank Miller was delayed for about half an hour on Friday morning due to a slide on the grade on the north side of the South Fork Bridge. The highway crew rushed the work and the bus was able to pass with only a half hour wait. The crew is on the road every day and keeps it clear of rock and slides.

Harry Jacobs, formerly superintendent for the Keystone Divide Mining Company at Grass Valley, is now mine foreman for the Pennsylvania Mining and Investment Company at Browns Valley, California.

Arthur Pride, Sierra City, California, formerly superintendent of the 1001 property of Paramount Mining Corporation, has gone to Camptonville, California, where he will be in charge of operations at the True Grit mine.

MARRIED

Raymond E. Sutton of Grass Vally and Helen Elizabeth Hoyt of Grass Valley by the Rev. A. L. Pratt at the Methodist Church in Grass Valley on Monday, March 4.

Personal

Ponemah Council, Degree of Pocahontas, is making preparations for a card party at Pythian Castle on March 18th. Lodge will be over early so that the players can start at eight o'clock. Grass Valley members are invited.

Mrs. M. Woodell of North San Juan, went to Sacramento Saturday to attend the wedding of her niece, Miss Emma Pignola, who is well-known among the people on the Ridge.

Major and Mrs. LeRoy Delaney and Miss Roxanne Boggs spent last week end in Sacramento. Miss Boggs was the guest of Miss Beverly Chinn. Mr. and Mrs. Delaney stayed at the Senator.

Banner Mountain Post, V. F. W. Auxiliary have everything in readiness for their public card party which is to be held Friday evening, March 8th at 8 o'clock in Pythian Castle.

Misses Frances Davey, Myrtle Dixon and Fernie Gleason, teachers in the Santa Maria schools, have been on a ten day vacation on account of sickness in the schools. They motored to Boulder Dam and Death Valley last week. Misses Davey and Gleason came on to Nevada City and are spending this week with Miss Davey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davey.

R. C. Eisenhauer, engineer for the Alaska-Sierra Gold Mining Company came up from the bay district this week enroute to the mine at Pike City.

BRIDGEPORT MAN HELD ON GRAND THEFT CHARGE

I. B. Johnston was arrested yesterday afternoon at Bridgeport by Sheriff C. J. Tobiassen and deputy Woods, and was taken to the Nevada county jail. He is being held there on a charge of grand theft in Kings county, and will be held here pending the arrival of Kings county authorities.

COLLEY'S CONFECTIONERY NEW EQUIPMENT

Complete installation was made Tuesday by J. F. Colley, owner of Colley's Candy Store in Nevada City, of a Knight All White sani-speed, 50 gallon capacity counter ice cream freezer and hardener combined. It is the last word in counter freezers. All freezing will be done on the main floor, simplifying and making the work faster and easier. The management will be glad to show and explain its workings.

BUSHNELL MINE

William E. Moulton of French Corral on his visit to Nevada City Wednesday stated he has five men employed at the Bushnell gravel mine, located near French Corral, where about 150 yards of gravel is being moved each day by the sluicing method.

STORMS KEEP ROAD CREW BUSY

There were lots of slides and rock due to the storms Wednesday night on the South Fork Canyon of the Yuba and the school bus had a hard time getting to school Thursday morning on time. The highway crew were on the job early in the morning clearing it. They had just finished getting it into shape after the last storm.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Putnam of Yuba City spent yesterday in Nevada City visiting friends. Mr. Putnam motored over to Colfax to visit a friend at the Weimar Sanitarium.

Ahdenah Group of Camp Fire Girls are to meet next week, the members all being interested in winning Wood Gatherers rank. Miss Jean Martz succeeding in selling the largest number of doughnuts.

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The Hunter Hunted

(By Gordon Ross)

Saw our old friend Vic Gates of the East Broad Street section yesterday and Vic as always immediately launched into his favorite subject; coon hunting. Vic ever get you in a spot where you can't get loose and talk coons and coon-dogs to you? Vic it some coon hunter.

His latest sojourn into the realms of coon-land occurred last Tuesday night. But through an unforseen eventuality it extended on into Wednesday morning.

Seems that Vic had promised three Marysville friends (three men unknown to Mrs. Vic, which point is important) that he would take them coon hunting and show off his quartet of coon dogs who knew the coon hunting business from A to Izzard.

The three above mentioned arrived Tuesday night for the proposed trip; they climbed into cars with the dogs and guns and lit out for the Indian Springs section. About a half mile from the McCourtney Road they came to a halt as Vic told them this was the coon town.

Three dogs were turned loose while the fourth was held on a leash by Vic. It wasn't long before the baying of the hounds let them know they were on a hot scent. Soon after that brother coon was up a tree. It was around eleven p. m. when the doys let them know that coon was up a tree some distance off and the night was blacker than the hubs of Hades.

The gang was somewhat split up but previous arrangements had been made for a general scramble in the direction of the hounds when they got around to doing all their howling in one place. That time having now arrived, from various points of the compass the four hunters started a march toward the rendezvous.

Three of them, strangers in the territory, strangers to the woodland and wholly guideless arrived on the scene. Our friend Vic the only man among them who was a woodsman, who knew the territory and further knew what it was all about, failed to arrive. Peculiar, thought the cityites. More peculiar still, there were four hounds yodeling skyward when but three of them had been turned loose. Speculation was rife as to what had become of Vic. Timidly they called, "Oh Vic, where are you?"

In time timidness left them and the racket made by the three men at the base of the tree, in which brother coon had found temporary sanctuary, put the four yodeling coon hounds to their laurels if they were to be heard above the encircling din.

Ever get tangled up in a mess of manzanita, say in broad day light? Where you have every chance there is to wiggle your way through, that is, if you have the intelligence sufficient to cause you not to start wiggling in the first place?

When Vic first heard the message from his hounds, that peculiar ululation which told him a coon was up a tree, he made a bee-line in that direction. He didn't get far when he found a thicket of manzanita blocking his path. What were a few manzanita shrubs to a woodsman like Vic when all he had to do was wiggle his way through them and show those city folks how to bring down a treed coon?

Into the manzanita he plunged. He couldn't see two feet in front of him and after being scratched, jabbed and torn for some five minutes he decided he had better put his carcass into reverse and go around the thicket. Immediately jabbed again he got down on all fours and proceeded to crawl out.

He was having some time with the hound as said hound seemed determined to take the opposite side to all stumps and limbs to those of Vic's choosing. Needless to say that in straightening out hound and leash it wasn't long until direction was lost. Forcing himself upward Vic listened to the distant baying to get going in the right direction again. Of course that would be away from them.

Soon a tightening of the leash informed him that he and the hound with him had different ideas about the matter so he let go of the leash that each might find his own way out. Just about that time Vic extnded his right hand to take a fresh grip on Mother Earth but Mother 7arth wasn't there. Too late to retrieve his overbalanced weight, Vic started headlong for the above mentioned hubs of Hades.

He flew through the air without his trapeze and landed ker-plunk on his head and right shoulder at the bottom of a twenty fott shaft. Stars were flying in all directions but he soon discovered that those above him were permanent.

Finding his vocai chords unstrained in the fall he proceeded to strain them. In fifteen minutes he had succeeded not only in this but the unholy din set up by his own voice in this close confinement strained his eardrums also. We'll now leave Vic in the hole; there's little else we can do as it is only 11:15 p. m. and he didn't get out until 8:15 the next morning, and we'll look into other matters.

Having worn their throats sore the other members of the party decided to seek help. They got it the next morning when they found themselves and the search began. They formed a line and started. Getting near the place where Vic was last heard from they called occassionally in hoarse voices but received no response. Vic had given up his own yelling some hours before; what was the use? But for some unaccountable reason at just about 8 a. m. when the party was passing a little manzanita thicket about thirty feet across at it's widest point, Vic made up his mind to give voice to one last mighty yelp before he gave up the ghost.

He filled his lungs to their utmost capacity. He stiffened his already stiff body striking a pose for action. He reared his aching head. He opened his jaw to the angle where he could yowl to the best advantage. He set his vocal chords, strained as they were, in the position previous exjerience had taught him would produce a maximum of noise, then he let 'er rip.

Four members of the search party within a radius of a hundred feet of the thicket jumped from their tracks turned pale and grabbed for rising hats. Three of them answered Vic's howl, roaring out of the echoing depths of the hole, automatically. The fourth was scared speechless.

In the meantime, Mrs. Vic had been singing the "Wharat am ma hosband" blues. She wanted to notify the sheriff and start a search party but held back for fear of ridicule. She wanted to do a lot of things. She wanted to know a lot of things, particularly, who were the three strangers who had taken her man away and forgot to bring him back?

Vic had mentioned Indian Springs so in the morning when a car had been procured she set out for there. If she found no word of him there then sure enough she would get after the sheriff.

Arriving in the neighborhood of the McCourtney Road, she learned one reason for the word Indian being tacked onto the springs. For here she met two cars loaded with men, dogs, and hunting paraphernalia and in one of them she discovered the reddest Indian she or anyone else had ever beheld. The shaft where Vic had holed in for the night had been dug down through the reddest clay Mother Nature had ever turned out and not a square inch of Vic but what had a generous coating of clay.

Vic related his experience to me yesterday and tragic as the outcome might have been, I thought of but one question and asked him, "How big was that coon Vic?"

"Coon?" said Vic sort of puzzled, "Coon? Oh, the coon! Well doy my time if we didn't forget all about that coon!"

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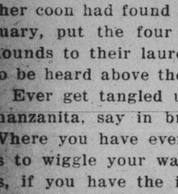
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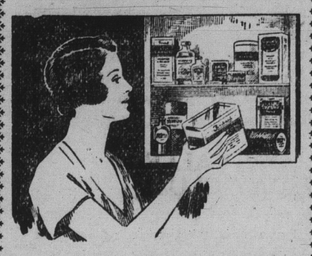
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by Graham Berry

(By WNU Service)

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For the first time in history nations have been threatened with bankruptcy because of an over-abundance of wealth. The wealthiest nation has been the hardest hit.

Likewise California, probably the richest state in natural resources in the nation, has been hit very hard. Of her 6,000,000 population, 1,200,000, according to the latest SERA figures, are actually on relief!

Something must be done. No social welfare organization within the state is capable of handling this critical situation. The burden must rest on the shoulders of the state whether the public likes it or not. If this vast army was not cared for, it is easy to imagine what would happen.

The public is interested to know just kow Californoa will assume the burden, in conjunction, of course, with the federal government. It is also vitally important that schemes be devised to avoid such catastrophies in the future. A plan of unemployment insurance will be worked out at this session, it is believed. The State of Wisconsin is leading the nation in this field, having established a plan last July.

The burden of these new state responsibilities naturally falls on those who are going to foot the bill—the taxpayers. Since we all are taxpayers, we are much interested in the proposed measures which would make the load as light as possible. And as a whole, we desire to have the budget balanced as we go along because recent experiences of borrowing on the future have not been so pleasant.

Thus the governor's balanced budget, his proposed raising of $47,300,000 for relief by taxation, his road consolidation and county consolidation plans are of much interest to us.

Fear has been expressed that the government is taking over too much responsibility and will become too powerful, too dictatorial. Power is being centralized, and Americans have always fought that.

Students of public administration, however, admit that the government, state or national, is not a greedy octopus, seeking power merely for self-interest. Relief burdens and increased control of businesses have literally been forced upon government. This is true all over the world as a result of unprecedented economic conditions.

Thus it is said that this legislative meeting is the most important in the state's history.

Budget as Target

The quiet before the storm has passed, and already thunder is echoing in the Assembly chamber. The first storm has been hastened by Charles W. Lyon, assembly floor leader and a Merriam man.

Trouble started last week when Lyon declared the governor's tax plans have been shot so full of holes and will need for many amendments to enable them to pass the lower house that the chances are they will not pass at all but will be substituted by other measures.

For some time Bourbons hostile to the administration have prophesied defeat for the plans. Now Lyon, Republican, has sounded an alarm to the effect that the tax situation may become so tangled that a special election will be needed to decide on revenues.

"The Democratic groups," declared Lyon, will insist on increasing the inheritance tax, and both parties will join in opposing an increase in the sales tax. The result will be chaos, and the necessity of a special election.

"At that election not only taxation will come before the people, but the constitutional convention question."

Then there is the report that Supervisor W. O. Russell of Yolo County, chairman of the legislative committee of the California County Supervisors Association, is opening counter-fire on the governor's road plan.

Russell has been quoted as saying, "It is the general opinion among the supervisors that this scheme is nothing less than an attempt to establish a vast state political machine through a veritable dictatorship vested in the state department of public works."

Justifying the governor's road consolidation and tax programs is Speaker Edward Craig, who urges the public to demand reduction of the state departments's services to bare essentials if tax money is to be saved. Since there is no such demand, Governor Merriam's plans are a good substitute, believes Craig.

He added, "Californians should get smart. As long as they show themselves satisfied with departments and functions that exist only to eat up state money, they will have to face larger and larger taxes every year."

With this background of varying opinions, critics say that Merriam forces will need one thing—leadership. Many of his opponents assert that because of the governor's long experience as a conservative, it will be difficult for him to assume the dynamic, progressive leadership apparently needed by modern leaders to push their programs.

The governor's henchmen point to the budget as an about-face to progressive policies. They say that Merriam, although making no spectacular show of strength as yet, will show plenty of executive push if and when his proposals are too actively opposed.

Commissions Proposed

An unusual flood of bills proposing organization and reorganization of many state commissions, boards and bureaus will be given legislative attention during the next two months. It is a moot question whether many such measures will meet with approval since the administration is against increasing government expenses.

The governor has said, "Owing to decreased revenues, and also to the lessened ability of our citizens to carry their financial burdens, I have felt it necessary to adopt a policy calling for the strictest limitation of expenditures for the maintenance and operation of various state boards, departments, commissions and other agencies."

Merriam will sponsor, however, formation of a department of public safety. This department, will consist of a consolidation of the six bureaus and divisiones pertaining to public safety and protection.

The amount budgeted by the chief executive for governmental expenses will not allow for increase of any but absolutely necessary activities. Since, however, state government seems destined to take a larger part in the affairs of California, commissions must be created to properly administer the programs.

Whatever new bodies are formed, Sacramento will fight to have headquarters maintained at the capital. AB 619 requires that all state departments and agencies, with but few exceptions, shall maintain their head offices at Sacramento, the legal seat the state government.

An important board which has been proposed is one on eugenics. Senator Leonard Difani has introduced this bill (SB 709). Powers and duties of the board include the jurisdiction over care, protection and decrease of the state defectives. This subject has long been discussed by the Human Betterment Foundation.

Although costing an initial sum, such a board would save the state much money in the long run, since its chief objective would be to decrease the number of defectives and criminally inclined. Science has declared eugenics to be the most efficient method for making such reductions. This bill holds particular interest in view of the proposed increased allotments for state penal and insane institutions.

Listed briefly, other proposed groups include:

Planning board on conservation and public works.

Finance department bureau of efficiency.

Division of psychiatry.

Board of examiners for steam engine and boiler operators.

Bureau of political and social science research.

New division of the deaf.

Commission for coordination of state and local governments.

New bureau for the blind.

Motion picture commission.

Surplus and waste products authority.

Industrial code commission.

Bar association for attorneys, replacing self-governing bar.

Public trust commission to prevent fraud and deception in securities transactions.

Bills Hit Aliens

Legislators will seek to preserve California for Yankees and will consider measures to exclude foreign farm labor at the present session. There is strong feeling in both farm and political circles that citizens of this state and nation should be given first chances at employment.

A skeleton bill, AB 1002, is aimed at eliminating ineligible aliens as farm laborers when American workers can be had.

Far from a skeleton measure is the complete and emphatic proposal of Senator Seawell which would positively forbid the hiring of an alien unlawfully residing in the United States. Violations of the measure would be a misdemeanor. Thus the hiring party would have to be shown documentary evidence of citizenship if he was at all doubtful of the applicant.

Still more drastic is AB 1958 which states that "It shall be unlawful for any alien not eligible to citizenship under the laws of the United States of America to acquire possession, enjoy, use, cultivate, occupy or transfer real property or any interest therein, in this state and have in whole or in part the benficial use thereof, or have possession, custody, care or control of real property, agricultural lands or lands fit for agricultural purposes."

The penalty for violation of this act would be two years' imprisonment, $5000 fine or both.

Plus his alien-registration proposal, Assemblyman W. M. Jones has submitted AB 981, aimed at conspiracies to turn over lands to alien individuals or corporations in violation of the anti-alien land act.

Prodded by public opinion and the burdened SERA relief rolls, bills aimed at giving citizens breaks over aliens as far as jobs are concerned will probably be enacted, believe many legislators. In addition to excluding aliens, proposers of these measures also had in mind making it as difficult as possible for radicals to get jobs on farms, factories or other places where they would have an opportunity of inciting trouble. It is also evident that the bills would affect Japanese and others who are ineligible for citizenship.

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FRENCH CORRAL, March 8.—Happily exchanging her house-dress for a pair of overalls, Miss Ina May Stuhl, 36, went back to work recently in her coal mine. A year ago, Miss Stuhl was ordered to quit work because Ohio mining laws forbit the employment of women in mines. The order irked her because she preferred working in the mine, of which she is a part owner, to "cleaning pots and pans in the kitchen."

Miss Stuhl finally obtained a ruling granting her the right to return to work in her coal mine.

Attorney General John Brickner held that Miss Stuhl "has as much right to work in her own mine as a farmer's wife has to work on the farm."

Back again with her carbide light, her pick and shovel, in the cramped hillside entry 300 feet from daylight, Miss Stuhl declared today she was "happy to make some money to help pay off the debt on the house and to get away from public relief."

Atta girl, Ina May! With a bit of encouragement from you, a lot of our women folks up here in Northern California are likely to don overalls and run all the hard rock miners out of the hills.

Charging that he turned her over his knee and spanked her as though she were a child, Mrs. Edith Maynard of San Jose, is suing Russell James Maynard for divorce. Her suit, filed in superior court, also complains that her husband called her the "dumbest sour owl." Mrs. Maynard asks custody of their three children, and $60 per month for their support.

You can figure it out for yourself how much of a spanking she needed. He probably came home, tired and hungry, to discover she hadn't found time to bake him his favorite pie. Or it might have been wash day and after hanging it on the line about noon she didn't have anything to do the rest of the day but bathe and care for three kids, straighten up the house, shop for groceries and prepare a meal for five people. Even a "dumb sour owl" has limitations to its endurance.

Local poultrymen of Oak Harbor, Michigan are admitting amazement over the antics of the chickens in this community in recent weeks. Hens here have apparently forsaken egg-laying duties to take up the adventurious art of hitch-hiking. Harmon Haynes drove 23 miles to Dandbury, Ohio the other day with three hens riding on the top of his automobile. The presence of the extra passengers was discovered when he reached his destination.

Recently John Miller drove to town with two hens riding on the front bumper, and William Wistinghausen drove to town with a hen riding on the roof of his automobile.

It would be interesting to overtake a couple of old hens on the "hike" and to discover how they do their "thumbing."

BIRCHVILLE MINE

Five men are employed at the Birchville mine near French Corral where an 11-inch monitor is making fine progress in tearing down gravel banks. The men are handling 1200 yards of gravel per day.

BOWLING

The Elks' bowling tourney continued in its second week, putting the Hoge team in the lead with 8 points to Curnow's and Scheemer's 5, the runners-up. Fortier and Richards follow with three apiece, while the Wiedauf team hold down the basement with a big zero. Hoge has already begun to crow about "the champeenship is ours," but the rest of the boys seem to think that "Noisy" Hoge is counting his bridges before he comes to them. However the tournament has only begun so no predictions can be made yet.

The scores for the week follow:

Fortier team: Fortier 181, 175, 178—Total 454; Tamblyn 136, 156, 166—Total; Penrose 146, 125, 130—Total 401; Arbogast 93, 124, 105—Total 322; Mobley 125, 120, 151—Total 396. Total pins 681, 650, 730—Total 2061. Points won 0.

Hoge team: Hoge 156, 152, 147—Total 455; Jackson 158, 132, 143—Total 433; Haddy 171, 162,148—Total 481; Clarke 175, 125, 158—Total 458; Kopp 148, 138, 135—Total 421; H'cap 21, 21, 21—Total 63. Total pins 829, 739, 752—Total 2311. Points won 4.

Wiedauf Team: Wiedauf 143, 131, 155—Total 429; Schiffner 133, 133, 133—Total 399; Kjorlie 120, 120, 120—Total 360; Merriam 101, 168, 139—Total 408; Murphy 115, 134, 132—Total 351. Total pins 612, 686, 679—Total 1977. Points won 0.

Scheemer Team: Scheemer 143, 165, 142—Total 450; Bigelow 133, 133, 133—Total 339; Randall 117, 117, 179—Total 363; Stambaugh 140, 125, 145—Total 410; Wright 146, 157, 151—Total 460. H'cap 21, 21, 21, —Total 63. Total pins 691, 709, 718—Total 2118. Points won 4.

Richards Team: Richards 135, 153, 156—Total 474; Durbin 97, 103, 97—Total 297; Huson 54, 51, 142—Total 447; Johnson 163, 145, 141—Total 452; Skeahan 101, 135, 150—Total 359. Total pins 650, 723, 686—Total 2059. Points won 2.

Curnow Team: Curnow 128, 113, 177—Total 418; Scheck 150, 144, 147—Total 441; Schrieber 122, 133, 103—Total 358; Reed 143, 143, 143—Total 429; Finnegan 98, 86, 97—Total 281; H'cap 23, 23, 23, 23,—Total 69. Total pins 664 642, 690—Total 1996. Points won 2.

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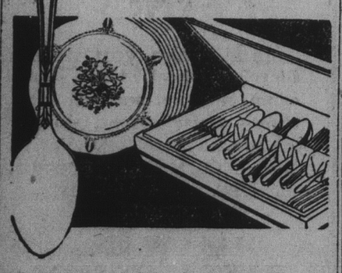

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